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RESOLUTION of the CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS



The following Resloution was offered by Council Member Johnson Lee. Seconded by

Council Member:

WHEREAS, Hennepin County has recently undertaken a study of situations of African American men between the ages of 18-30 living in the County and the effectiveness of programs that serve them; and

WHEREAS, the findings and recommendations of the two-year study of African American men entitled "Crossroads: Choosing a New Direction" were recently accepted and approved by the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners by Resolution No 02-2-97; and

WHEREAS, the nonprofit community, the business community, and other interested parties have indicated an intent to support efforts to implement the project recommendations, in coordination with the support of local jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, Hennepin County has earmarked \$500,000 in 2002 to further the implementation of the recommendations of the report, in coordination with the African American Men Advisory Committee, other jurisdictions, the nonprofit community, the business community, educational institutions and other interested parties; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 7500 African American men between the ages of 18-30 living in the City, and the improvement in the condition of African American men in the community represents a significant opportunity for these men, the City of Minneapolis and its residents.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Minneapolis City Council accepts and approves the findings and recommendations of the African American Men Project Final Report "Crossroads: Choosing a New Direction."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Minneapolis hereby directs the Planning Department, the Department of Health and Family Support, and Finance Department to form an ad hoc committee to examine city departments' 2002 priorities for realignment of departmental investments and community partnerships in order to support the implementation of the recommendations of the study of African American Men entitled "Crossroads: Choosing a New Direction." The Director of the Planning Department and Commissioner of Health and Family Support shall report back no later than August 1, 2002 to the Health and Human Services Committee with options for realignment of departmental priorities.

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